

### **Residency Structure**

The 12 month Ambulatory Care focused residency consists of activities located at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center. Activities include longitudinal experiences in primary care, anticoagulation management, home-based primary care, pharmacy management, pharmacy policy/informatics and drug information. Possible electives include psychiatry, geriatrics (long-term care) and internal medicine. Staffing is on an as needed basis.

### **Goals**

The PGY-1 residency with an ambulatory care focus is a post-graduate training program designed to develop professional skills in four main areas:

- Patient Care
- Interdisciplinary Teamwork
- Leadership
- Systems Management

### **Residency Location**

The residency is located in Battle Creek, Michigan. The site is a spacious, campus style facility that includes walking trails, parks and a golf course.

### **Fringe Benefits**

1. Stipend of \$38,250 in 2009-2010 (determined nationally each year)
2. Paid leave (13 days paid vacation)
3. 10 paid federal holidays
4. Required hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Mondays through Fridays
5. Health and life insurance
6. Paid attendance to national and regional meetings
7. Nationwide networking



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## **BATTLE CREEK VA PGY-1 RESIDENCY**



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### **Purpose Statement**

Residents completing a residency at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center will be prepared to become clinical pharmacists that provide exemplary patient care in interdisciplinary teams, capable of leading the profession and working within the framework of a health care system.

### **Program Description**

The Battle Creek VA is committed to developing residents to become competent practitioners of clinical pharmacy and strong leaders in the profession. Residents completing the program will be prepared to provide patient care in conjunction with other health care professionals that is evidence-based and displays compassion for the patient. They will stand ready to become integral parts of the health care system, able to communicate effectively with providers and patients and educate them about pharmaceuticals and pharmacotherapy. Residents will also be able to contribute to the health care system by finding ways to improve medication use, implementing these mechanisms and using informatics. Finally, graduates of the program will display leadership qualities and professionalism through participation in national organizations, independence in learning and self-assessment and skill development in managing projects.

### **Philosophy**

As medication regimens become more complex, the need for pharmacists to be members of health care teams becomes even greater. This residency with an ambulatory care focus is designed to develop pharmacists that practice excellent patient care in one of the nation's largest health care systems.

### **Timeline**

This residency is one year length with an expected start date of July 1 and completion date of June 30 the following year. For application, the following information must be sent by January 15:

- Curriculum Vitae
- College Transcripts
- Cover Letter stating applicant's reasons for applying to this residency
- Three letters of recommendation from professional sources, either faculty or employers

Applicants will be notified of their selection for interview by February 1. Interviews are generally held in February by appointment. Candidates will be ranked according to the National Match Program. This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.

Item	Date
Applications due	Jan 15
Interview notifications	Feb 1
Interviews	Feb
National Match	March
Start Date	July 1

### **Residency Requirements**

Applicants must be graduates of a college of pharmacy accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education or be otherwise eligible for pharmacy licensure. There is no requirement in regards to the type of degree held by the applicant, and the residency program director will assess baseline knowledge, skills and abilities to ascertain qualification for admission.

### **About Veterans Health Administration**

The VA's health care system includes 155 medical centers in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Additionally, more than 800 ambulatory care sites and community-based outpatient clinics are operated by the VA. These health care facilities provide a multitude of services, ranging from medical and surgical to rehabilitative care. The VA health care system has consistently received high scores in providing quality care to its patients.

### **About the Battle Creek VA**

The Battle Creek VA provides a variety of services to Veterans. Annually, more than 200,000 visits are made to ambulatory clinics that include primary care, mental health, infectious disease, endocrinology, urology, and neurology. Additionally, the facility has 300+ inpatient beds, providing care for internal medicine, mental health, and long term care patients. In total, more than 35,000 Veterans are serviced by the facility. The resident will participate in many of the pharmacy services at the facility, including primary care services (i.e. management of disease states such as diabetes, hypertension and hyperlipidemia), anticoagulation management, home-based primary care, formulary management, pharmacy management and drug information. Furthermore, the resident will be expected to assist in precepting pharmacy students on their clerkship rotations.